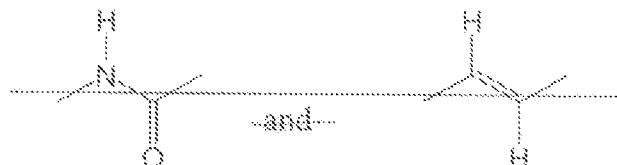
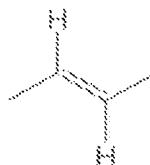


bis(hydroxyC₁-alkyl)amino, bis(C₁-alkoxyC₁-alkyl)amino, bis(aminoC₁-alkyl)amino, cyano, carboxyl, C₁-alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, phosphono, C₁-alkylphosphono, diC₁-alkylphosphono, sulfonic acid, and C₁-alkylsulfo); or R₁ and R₂, together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are bound, form a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring containing one nitrogen atom and optionally further containing one or more heteroatoms selected from an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, and a sulfur atom; and

b is selected from the formula:



Claim 2. (Deleted).

3. (Previously Presented) The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, C₁-alkyl, C₃-cycloalkyl,

hydroxyC₁-alkyl, hydroxyC₁-alkoxyC₁-alkyl, C₁-alkoxyC₁-alkyl, cyanoC₁-alkyl, pyridylC₁-alkyl, dihydroxyC₁-alkyl, trihydroxyC₁-alkyl, morpholinoC₁-alkyl, (N,N-diC₁-alkylamino)C₁-alkyl, or (N,N-bis(hydroxyC₁-alkyl)amino)C₁-alkyl.

4. (Previously Presented) The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 3, wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, methyl, ethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl, 2-methoxyethyl, 2-cyanoethyl, 4-pyridylmethyl, 1-methoxybut-2-yl, 2,3-dihydroxyprop-1-yl, 1,3-dihydroxyprop-2-yl, 1,3-dihydroxy-2-hydroxymethylprop-2-yl, 2-morpholinoethyl, 1-hydroxyprop-2-yl, 1-hydroxy-3-methylbut-2-yl, 2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl, 2-(N,N-bis(2-hydroxyethyl)amino)ethyl, 2,4-dihydroxybutyl, 2,3,4-trihydroxybutyl, 2,3,4,5-tetrahydroxypentyl, or 2,3,4,5,6-pentahydroxyhexyl.

5. (Previously Presented) The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein Y is a halogen atom, cyano, C₁-alkenyl, C₁-alkynyl, C₁-alkoxy, C₁-cycloalkylC₁-alkoxy, C₂-alkynyloxy, or haloC₁-alkoxy.

6. (Currently Amended) The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 5,

wherein Y is chloro, bromo, cyano, ethynyl, methoxy, trifluoromethoxy, cyclopropylmethoxy, 2-butyne-1-yloxy, or 2-chloroethoxy.

7. (Previously Presented) The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein

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X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄ and X₅ are each independently selected from a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkoxy, haloC₁₋₆alkyl, haloC₁₋₆alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, and haloC₁₋₆alkylthio; or

X₁ and X₂, X₂ and X₃, X₃ and X₄, and X₄ and X₅, together with the carbon atoms to which they are bound, form a cyclohexane ring, a cyclopentane ring, a benzene ring, a pyridine ring, a pyrimidine ring, a 1,4-dioxane ring, a 1,3-dioxolane ring, a pyrrole ring, an imidazole ring, a thiazole ring, or a furan ring.

8. (Previously Presented) The compound or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 7, wherein

X₁, X₂, X₃, X₄ and X₅ are each independently selected from a hydrogen atom, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, ethyl, t-butyl, i-propyl, methoxy, i-propoxy, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, methylthio, and trifluoromethylthio; or